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1. Before relegating Timerman absolutely to a Communist limbo, it would be helpful to receive [redacted] evaluation of the material in the referenced memorandum, [redacted] 3.3(b)(1)

2. We know that SIDE has been inclined in a number of its phases to label government oppositionists as Communists. Participation in a communist front group in the 1942-44 period is not necessarily indicative of a communist ideology. Frigerio, I gather, has a questionable background -- enough for us to require a waiver for visas -- but the tie with Frigerio need not be fully damning. My impression was that Timerman <u>sold</u> his interests in <u>Primera Plana</u>, which he founded, and <u>Confirmado</u>, which he founded, to conclude business ventures. He was, in each case, the promoter, and then got out from under. Perhaps USIS has something on that.

3. In short, I don't want to be the devil's advocate, but I think an evaluation is necessary.

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